CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 2, after the title please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 365 from International Application Serial No. PCT/1B00/00883, filed June 29, 2000, which claims priority from United Kingdom Application Serial No. 9915805.6, filed June 29, 1999, which are herein incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 1, line 22, please insert the following section heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 4, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 24 as follows:

The paperboard strip can include one or more combustion promoters. The promoter can be inherently combustible material, especially an organic material, for example a charcoal powder. The promoter might promote combustion in other ways, such as for example in the case of an oxidizing agent which can release of oxygen. An example of such an oxidizing agent is potassium nitrate. The charcoal powder or other combustion promoter is preferably present in the paperboard in an amount from about 0.25 to 10% by weight of the dry paperboard strip, more preferably from 0.5 to about 5%, for example from about 1 to about 2%.

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 4 as follows:

The paperboard strip can include a dye, preferably an organic dye. The dye can function as a combustion promoter as well as affecting the visual appearance of the strip. The dye can preferably comprise 0.01% to 10% more preferably 0.5% to 2% by weight of the dry paperboard strip. Addition of the dye makes the combustion of the paperboard strip resistant to being

extinguished by external factors such as a breeze. It also makes combustion insensitive to variations in internal properties of the paperboard strip.

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 14 as follows:

The dye or other combustion promoter should preferably be distributed uniformly throughout the volume of the paperboard strip. The distribution of the dye has an impact on the combustion properties of the paperboard.

On page 8, line 33, please insert the following section heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 9, line 22, please insert the following section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT(S)--

On page 11, please replace line 3 with the following entry:

A typical composition of the furnish is shown in table 1.

On page 11, line 4, please insert the following entry:

TABLE 1

On page 14, please replace line 17 with the following entry:

Shown in figure 5 is a graph of the inverted burn rate (burn rate^{-1}) vs paperboard